Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Mar 2021 at 16:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather cold conditions through Saturday and at first on Sunday and for a marked change to milder, wetter conditions through Sunday. Uncertainty over the timing of drier weather arriving.

Headline for Saturday 27 Mar 2021: Early snow showers fading, then bright or sunny but a very cold feel at height. Turning wet and very windy later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	60%	50%	30%	10%	40%	80%	>95%

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Weather: Frequent snow showers initially, these fading towards dawn. This will leave a cold and for some, frosty start although some isolated showers may still linger until mid-morning. Plenty of sunshine through morning, this increasingly hazy. Outbreaks of rain (sleet and snow above 600m) will spread eastwards through evening along with widespread southerly gales, perhaps severe on summits by midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% around dawn, rising 80% for the bulk of the day then almost zero through evening.

Visibility: Any passing snow showers will reduce visibility to several hundred metres for short periods through morning, along with bringing areas of cloud down to around 400m, but as these fade away and cloud lifts, visibility will be excellent. Deteriorating from the west through afternoon as cloud lowers to 600-800m widely and rain/snow sets in.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/35 W	24/31 W	29/36 W	24/31 W	24/33 SW	33/45 S	51/66 S	53/69 S	55/72 S
900	20/26 W	19/26 W	19/26 W	17/23 W	19/27 SW	25/34 S	34/48 S	36/51 S	37/53 S
600	20/26 SW	19/25 SW	20/26 SW	16/22 SW	21/29 SW	28/38 S	44/58 S	44/59 S	45/61 S
300	10/15 SW	9/15 W	10/17 W	10/16 W	13/21 SW	18/29 S	25/40 S	25/40 S	26/42 S
Glen	8/18 W	6/15 W	7/18 W	7/15 W	13/23 SW	15/28 S	19/38 S	18/39 S	19/41 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-15	-6/-15	-7/-16	-7/-16	-6/-15	-5/-15	-4/-15	-2/-12	-1/-11
900	-3/-11	-3/-10	-4/-11	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9	-1/-10	0/-8	2/-6
600	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8	-1/-7	0/-7	1/-6	1/-7	3/-5	4/-3
300	1/-3	1/-3	1/-4	1/-3	3/-2	4/-2	3/-3	5/-0	6/1
Glen	3/0	3/0	2/-1	4/2	6/2	6/2	5/1	7/3	8/4
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	300m	300m	300m	500m	700m	1100m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be aware of rapidly deteriorating conditions from the west from mid-afternoon including widespread gales, poor visibility and heavy rain or snow. Note very low 'feels like' temperatures.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Weather: Heavy rain and summit snow will clear eastwards overnight to leave scattered snow showers and sunny spells in between. Showers, predominantly north of the Trossachs will be mainly light and falling as rain below around 500m. A return to wet, windy and milder conditions is expected from the west from late morning as heavy rain (initially sleet and snow above 600-700m) spreads to all ranges on strong southwest winds.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 25-35 gusting 50mph, increasing a little further through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% through morning decreasing to 10% from the south through mid to late morning.

Visibility: Generally very good initially but passing showers likely to deduce visibility to a kilometre or so along with cloud bases down to 500-600m. Some areas of cloud above 700m too. Cloud becoming extensive above 400-500m through morning, perhaps lower across the west coast, such as Mull.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C rising 7-9C but temperatures continuing to rise through evening as mild air arrives.
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to plus 3C.
Freezing level: 400-600m rising well above summits through afternoon.

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